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BEGIN SUMMARY: FONMIN MALIK IN INFORMAL EXCHANGE WITH PRESS DEC 29 INTER ALIA DENIED REPORTS OF FURTHER INDONESIAN TROOP BUILDUP IN PT, SAID GOI HAD NO OBJECTION TO DESIGNATION OF UN REP GUICCIARDI, AND SAID HE PLANNED VISIT DILI, ACCOMPANIED BY LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPS, IN EARLY JANUARY. STATEMENTS BY ICRC AND AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS REPORTED IN JAKARTA PRESS INDICATE NO PROGRESS YET MADE IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORTS.

END SUMMARY.

1. MALIK COMMENTS TO PRESS: GOI FONMIN MALIK IN INFORMAL MEETING WITH LOCAL PRESS DEC 29 MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON LATEST PT DEVELOPMENTS:

A. RENEWED INDONESIAN OFFENSIVE: MALIK LABELED AS "PLAIN LIES" REPORTS CIRCULATING IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS (AFLW) OF MASSIVE NEW INDONESIAN OFFENSIVE IN PT INVOLVING UP TO 30,000 TROOPS. ACCORDING SOME REPORTS, HE SAID A PORTION OF INDONESIAN "VOLUNTEERS" HAD ALREADY BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM PT IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; OTHER REPORTS QUOTE HIM AS SAYING ALL VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IN STAGES.

B. RECOGNITION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (PG): ASKED IF INDONESIA INTENDED GRANT FORMAL RECOGNITION TO PG, MALIK REPLIED RECOGNITION NOT NECESSARY AS IT WOULD SIGNIFY CREATION OF NEW INDEPENDENT STATE, AND ADDED THAT PG HAD NOT REQUESTED RECOGNITION BUT ONLY ASSISTANCE FROM GOI.

C. APPOINTMENT OF UN REPRESENTATIVE: ASKED FOR INDONESIAN REACTION TO REPORTED DESIGNATION OF UN EUROPEAN OFFICE DIRGEN GUICCIARDI AS SECGEN'S SPECIAL REP FOR TIMOR, MALIK REPLIED GOI WOULD NOT OBJECT TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION. HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR REP'S VISIT TO PT WERE ENTIRELY IN HANDS OF PG AND NOTED THAT PG HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE REP BUT HAD REQUESTED THAT VISIT BE POSTPONED FOR TIME BEING. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT PG MIGHT REJECT VISIT BY UN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REP, MALIK REPLIED WITH CHARACTERISTIC QUIP THAT SIMILAR EVENTS HAD OCCURRED FREQUENTLY IN HISTORY OF UN AND UN HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

D. FRETILIN DELEGATION TO PEKING: MALIK COMMENTED THAT VISIT TO PEKING BY FRETILIN DELEGATION HEADED BY "DEFENSE MINISTER" LOBATO MERELY PROVIDED EVEN CLEARER INDICATION OF FRETILIN'S ORIENTATION. ASKED IF INDONESIA

WOULD INCREASE STRENGTH OF VOLUNTEER FORCE IN PT AS RESULT
OF FRETILIN PEKING VISIT, MALIK REPLIED THIS WOULD NOT BE
NECESSARY.

E. MALIK VISIT TO DILI: MALIK, WHO FOLLOWING
DEC 1 TRIP TO TIMOR HAD PROMISED TO VISIT DILI AT
CHRISTMAS (JAKARTA 14760), SAID HE HAD NOW RECEIVED INVITATION
FROM PG "CHIEF EXECUTIVE" ARAUJO TO VISIT ON JANUARY 1. HE
SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO FULFILL INVITATION
BEFORE JANUARY 3-4, AND OFFERED TO TAKE REPORTERS,
INCLUDING FOREIGN REPORTERS, ALONG ON TRIP.

2. INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORTS: ICRC REGIONAL DELEGATE
FRED ISLER REPORTED BY INDONESIAN STATE NEWS AGENCY
ANTARA TO HAVE SAID IN JAKARTA DEC 29 THAT DESPITE
EFFORTS SINCE DEC 7 TO APPROACH PT PARTIES IN JAKARTA
AND NEW YORK RE RESUMPTION OF ICRC ACTIVITIES IN PT,
ICRC HAD YET TO RECEIVE ANY RESPONSE. ISLER ADDED ICRC
ALSO ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN DILI.
ANTARA ALSO CARRIES CANBERRA-DATELINED REPORT OF GOA
FONMIN PEACOCK STATEMENT THAT GOA ATTEMPTING TO PRESS
GOI TO PERMIT RESUMPTION OF RELIEF EFFORTS INCLUDING
THOSE OF ICRC.
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